

# Church OF THE Holy Family

**A Catholic Church**

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**Welcome** – If you are new to our church or just visiting, we are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like to join our parish, registration is held in the Welcome Office after all Masses.

**Wedding Policy** – **At least nine months** before the wedding, the couple should meet with the pastor, **before** the wedding dates are selected. At least one member of the family should be a member of our parish.

**Baptism Policy** – Parents must be registered parishioners and attend a Baptism Class before their child may be baptized. Expectant mothers are encouraged to attend. The class is for parents only – baby-sitting is not provided.

**Funeral Policy** – Funerals are scheduled Tuesday-Saturday. We discourage funerals Sundays and Mondays. Participation by other priests and deacons must have prior approval of current pastor.

## *Church of the Holy Family Pastoral Vision*

*The Church of the Holy Family is dedicated to manifesting the joy of the Gospel and enriching every individual's Spiritual relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church of the Holy Family Ministries dedicate themselves in service to our Parish Community, building a just society, and outreach to those in need.*

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
(11:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on website.)

### **Holy Family Day School**

757-481-1180

### **Morning Prayer & Daily Mass**

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.;  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation Saturday  
4:00-5:00 p.m.

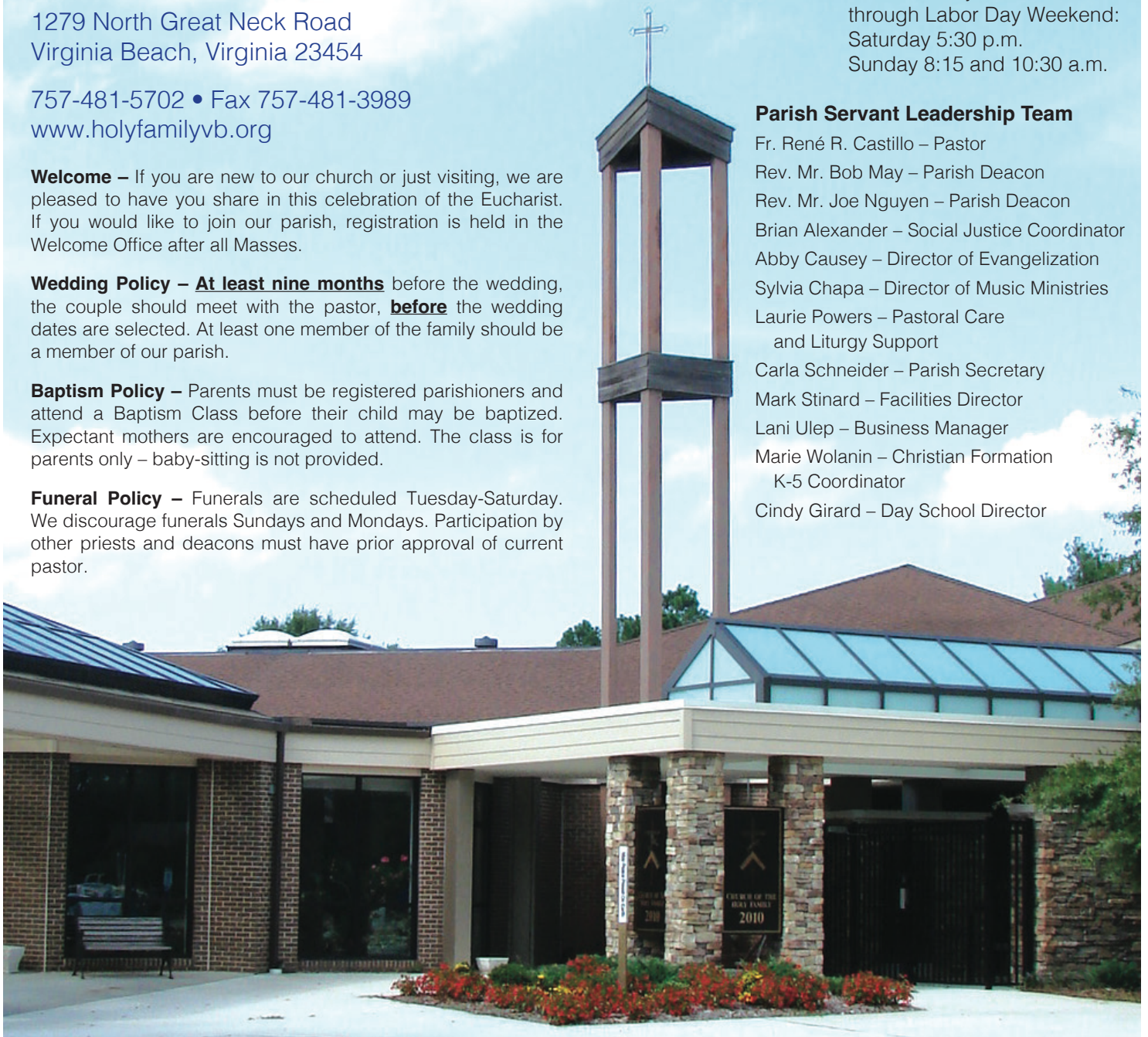
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### **Summer Masses**

Memorial Day Weekend  
through Labor Day Weekend:  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

### **Parish Servant Leadership Team**

Fr. René R. Castillo – Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Bob May – Parish Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Joe Nguyen – Parish Deacon  
Brian Alexander – Social Justice Coordinator  
Abby Causey – Director of Evangelization  
Sylvia Chapa – Director of Music Ministries  
Laurie Powers – Pastoral Care  
and Liturgy Support  
Carla Schneider – Parish Secretary  
Mark Stinard – Facilities Director  
Lani Ulep – Business Manager  
Marie Wolanin – Christian Formation  
K-5 Coordinator  
Cindy Girard – Day School Director



A Parish of The Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
Please remember in your prayers our sister parish, St. Jude in Baptiste, Haiti

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 9 & 10, 2023

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**PRAY FOR:** Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmis, Ron Batdorf, Gerard Beres, Richard Bourdon, Quinn Carpenter, Patrick Causey, Heather Cervantes, Carolyn Collings, Carol Collins, Donald Cortois, Mary Crell, Linda Davis, Tucker Davis, Bill Dempsey, Joanne Deyo and Family, Michael Eaton, Barbara Evans, Brendan Feeley, Aretha Francois, Marge Galgon, Connie Gallacher, Tony Gargano, The Ginley Family, Daniel Girard, Cameron Gladon, Mary Ann Golas, Gail Grabowski, Charlene Gregory, Donna Gottshall, Sister Nancy Healy, George Heath, Russell Heath, George Horey, Elston Howard, Theresa Hughes, Billy Jankosky, Jeremy Johnson, Julia Johnson, The Joseph Family, Kristin Judge, Susan Kayota, Emily Kerr, Marianne Krop, Tess and Tony Liene, Connie Loschi, Susan Neal Matousek, Doris Maviglia, Eila Grace McAlphin, Cheryl McLeskey, Thomas McQuay, Debbie Merritt, Isabel Mickle, L.P. Mickle, Steven Molesky, Shaun Maschue, Sandy Nuzum, Julie Oates, Marilyn O'Donnell, Collin O'Rourke, Doug Palczewski, Elenia Pantelidis, Beth Park, Ryan Piotti, Pete Popeck, Margaret Rafferty and Family, Irma Reagan, Daniel Reed, Paul Rehpehlz, Kathy Rivet, Kelly Robinson, John Robishaw, Jr., Bob Rodgers, Lou Romano, Mary Romano, Cindy Anna Russo, Dan Ryan, Jr., Jeff Ryan, Frances Sandusky, Marlene Sayers, Sherry Schieno, Grace Smith, Carole Solliday, Carol St. Cyr, Mark Staff, Roy and Sue Starrin, Arlene Stepnick, Ann Stern, Gwen Stinard, Mark C. and Catherine Stinard, Dan Stinson, Diane Taylor, Jim Trimble, Tonya Trimble, Peggy Vasko, Suzanne Wassel, Stella Watson, Christine Watt, Emma & Frank Williams, Brianna Willis, Dee Whitley, Barbara Woods, Emilie Yoder

*"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." Mark 11:24*

### BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:** If you have an emergency and call the Church Office at 757-481-5702, please follow the directions on the phone as to what number to call for what emergency. Do not call the number listed for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick if you need Financial Assistance. There is separate number for Financial Assistance.

### ONLINE GIVING:



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
**Friday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday – 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
 Saturday Reconciliation – 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Evening – 6:30 p.m.  
 Morning Weekday – 9:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday through Friday  
 (11:00 a.m. Mass also Live-Streamed)  
 See Church of the Holy Family Facebook  
 for more information.

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Sunday, September 10:** *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time:* Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
 Mt 18:15-20

**Monday, September 11:** Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9;  
 Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 12:** *The Most Holy Name of Mary:*  
 Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday, September 13:** *Saint John Chrysostom,*  
*Bishop, Doctor of the Church:* Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3,  
 10-13; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday, September 14:** *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:*  
 Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Friday, September 15:** *Our Lady of Sorrows:*  
 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or  
 Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday, September 16:** *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and*  
*Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs:* 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7;  
 Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday, September 17:** *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary*  
*Time:* Sir 27:10-28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9;  
 Mt 18:21-35

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Fr. René Castillo, Pastor; Michelle Rack, Chair; Jim McCaddin, Secretary; Bob Breault; Charlie Clarkson; Mariann Gannon; Lucy Klinkhammer; Connie Loschi; Dorothy Lyons; Christina Neveau-Zepf; Adam Stephens; Marie Sexton – [ppc@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:ppc@holyfamilyvb.org).

### FINANCE COUNCIL:

Fr. René Castillo, Pastor; Steve Winter, Chairperson – [swinter@edgewaterasset.com](mailto:swinter@edgewaterasset.com); Rob Wright, Vice-Chairperson – [robwright@thalhimer.com](mailto:robwright@thalhimer.com); Jay Ly; Ray Michelini; Lani Ulep, Bonnie Volker; Mike Zeiders; and Pat Zogg.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Note:** Some Mass Intentions may have had to be moved or changed after the Bulletin was published. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding.

**Saturday, September 9:** 5:30 p.m.: Robert Yarbrough  
(5th Anniversary of his death) + by Theresa Hughes

**Sunday, September 10:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;  
11:00 a.m.: Barbara DeLellis + by Mike & Cathy

**Monday, September 11: No Mass**

**Tuesday, September 12:** 9:30 a.m.: Lillian and Emile Maison +  
by Bill & Barbara Davis; 6:30 p.m.: Manuel Pelaez +  
by Carmen Pelaez

**Wednesday, September 13:** 9:30 a.m.: Nicholas Annase  
by Anne Annase

**Thursday, September 14:** 9:30 a.m.: Charles Davis +  
by Ben & Doris Smith

**Friday, September 15:** 9:30 a.m.: No Intention

**Saturday, September 16:** 5:30 p.m.: John Ginley III  
by The Benedetto Family

**Sunday, September 17:** 8:15 a.m.: Jim Connors  
by Nora Jean; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:**

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Rev. Mr. Bob Durel, Retired Deacon – [robertdurel@gmail.com](mailto:robertdurel@gmail.com)

**CHRIST-CENTERED YOGA:**

Please join us as we live and move and have our being in Him! (*Acts 17:28*)

Christ-Centered Yoga at Church of the Holy Family offers a gentle Yoga practice with Scripture meditation and prayer. Sessions are

led by parishioner Amy Walton, a certified Holy Yoga instructor and ambassador and an RYT-200.

**Meet every First and Third Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Council 10804**

**COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Knights of Columbus Council 10804 monthly membership meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month. The Rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel and all parishioners are invited. The members-only business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

**"You are born a man, YOU BECOME A KNIGHT!"**

**We invite all Catholic men 18+ years old to join today.**

Visit [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)

**and use the promo code BlessedMcGivney  
for FREE 12 months of online membership.**

**(Please list Council #10804 as your preferred council.)**

For more information regarding our Council  
or how to join us, contact an officer below:

**Grand Knight ~ Charles Clarkson (757-416-2707)**  
**Deputy Grand Knight ~ Joe Murray (757-355-2108)**  
**Chaplain ~ Fr. René Castillo**

**Knight of the Month: Jim McHugh**

**Family of the Month: Shirley McClaskey**

**FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD**

For those of you who might not have recorded or remembered the website Father René provided to join this Guild, here it is again: **fathermcgivney.org**. Should you prefer utilizing a QR code, it is below as well. As Father stated, all Catholics are invited to join for free this thriving community of prayer

and spiritual support which promotes the sainthood cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Be part of Blessed McGivney becoming a Saint by joining the Guild.

**HOLY FAMILY MEN OF FAITH:**

**Men of Faith – Who Are We?** Just a group of guys trying to share our thoughts and feelings about how we can be true to our Faith in this sometimes confusing world. Like many others, we are taking a breather for the summer. We'll resume in September.

For more information, contact Bob Breault at [bobbro1938@gmail.com](mailto:bobbro1938@gmail.com).

**ROSARY:**

Please join us every Wednesday evening at 4:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary in the Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray as a family. We promise to start on time and have you out by 4:30 p.m.

**NOTE: There will only be one Rosary Service at 4:00 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. Rosary has been cancelled.**



*we struggle through our lives.*

*Our Healing Saints Medals give us something to touch and to feel.*

**Stop by after Mass – we would love to see you.**

**Shop open after each Mass.**

**PART-TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD  
AND OCIC COORDINATOR:**

Church of the Holy Family seeks a part-time coordinator of Baptisms, CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word), Sunday Nursery, and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children). Duties include overseeing our ongoing Baptismal preparation program, CLOW program during the school year, ongoing OCIC program, and establishment of a Sunday Nursery during the Masses. This coordinator will work under the supervision of the Director of Elementary Religious Education to carry out all responsibilities. This coordinator will work closely with families to provide information and facilitate their participation in all these programs. The coordinator will oversee, train, and recruit catechists to run effective and engaging Baptism, CLOW, Nursery, and OCIC programs. The coordinator will work with clergy and other staff to organize and administer programming. He or she will make sure that sacramental guidelines are followed and that necessary documentation for sacraments is collected and recorded.

Requirements include basic knowledge of Catholic sacramental theology, in particular the Sacraments of Initiation. The coordinator should have experience in sacramental formation and demonstrate pastoral skills and deep respect for cultural diversity. The coordinator will have strong communication skills with adults and children alike and be successful working in a team setting. The position also requires the ability to work independently. Given the position and its responsibilities in our parish, the coordinator needs to be a Catholic in good standing and must be VIRTUS-trained or eligible for VIRTUS-training.

Please send application and CV with references to Lani Ulep, [businessmanager@holyfamilymb.org](mailto:businessmanager@holyfamilymb.org).

## HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL

757-481-1180  
Celebrating 20 Years!



Enrolling children from  
2 years old-Prekindergarten

Half-day and Full-day Programs  
from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Music – Spanish – Outdoor Classroom

Educating

Mind



Heart



Spirit

Please call 757-481-1180  
to schedule a tour!

**PASTORAL CARE FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:**

Are you or a loved one sick and in the hospital? Would you like to receive Communion? If so, please call the Parish Office at 757-481-5702 and leave a message with your name and the best way to contact you. We will make arrangements to accommodate you during your hospital stay.

**NATURE PLAY CLASSES FOR KIDS:**

Church of the Holy Family Parishioners are invited to join Saint Gregory The Great Catholic Church's *Tinkergarten Class Series* being offered for children from ages 18 months to 5 years old beginning on Saturdays, at 11:00 a.m., at Saint Gregory in Virginia Beach.

Led by a lifelong Catholic instructor, Lor of Naturgarten will present joyful hands-on educational group play lessons designed to teach Christian wellness themes to children. With the "Wellness" theme, every lesson captures children's imagination and reveals to them the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of being outdoors in nature!

To children – it's pure fun!

To learn more about the new upcoming Fall Classes, email [NaturgartenVB@mail.com](mailto:NaturgartenVB@mail.com) or visit [NaturgartenVB.com](http://NaturgartenVB.com) to sign up. Spaces will fill up quickly. Enroll your child today!



### CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*

~ Leo Buscaglia



Grief is the conflicting feelings caused by a change or an end in a familiar pattern or behavior; it is the normal and natural reaction to loss. Our Bereavement Support Group meets Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. If you, or someone you know is grieving, please join us. These meetings will be confidential and held in a safe environment.

### RCIA

RCIA is short for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." RCIA is the normative process where those who are interested in the Catholic Church have a time of discernment about a possible call to full participation in the Catholic faith.

RCIA is open to:

- Those adults who have not been baptized and are spiritually looking
- Those adults who have been baptized in a recognized non-Catholic Christian tradition
- Those adults who were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated Eucharist and Communion

Participating in RCIA does not mean that you **have** to become Catholic, but it does help you discern as to whether God is calling you to join the Catholic Church.

Please contact the Parish Office at 757-481-5702 if you are interested in learning more.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY Budget 2023/2024 is \$1,044,400.00

Our new online giving company (Faith Direct) only provides us with total online giving donations twice a month. In order to provide a more accurate depiction of the total contributions being received from parishioners, we will be providing monthly figures in the bulletin.

Make your stewardship easy with e-giving. Have your contribution taken from your bank account or charged to your credit card. See "Online Donation" on the Parish website: <https://holyfamilyvb.org/>. Contact Lani Ulep, Business Manager, in the Parish Office if you have questions.

### PARISH DIRECTORIES HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED!!

If you had your picture taken for the Parish Picture Directory, stop by the table before or after Mass and pick up your free directory. You can also stop by the Parish Office during the week.

### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY:

In a continuing effort to grow our Altar Server Ministry, we would like to invite any student, in the third grade or higher, who has received First Holy Communion to consider this important way to serve. When an Altar Server participates in Mass, they are helping the Priest bring Jesus Christ to the people of the parish through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Commitment: There is a 90-minute training session (see below) and the Mass time of your choice when available. There was a parent meeting last week.

### Altar Server Training Session:

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Worship Space. (Altar Server Responsibilities)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Ministry Coordinator, Michael Barea, at [michael.barea@gmail.com](mailto:michael.barea@gmail.com) or Deacon Bob May at [robmay124@gmail.com](mailto:robmay124@gmail.com).



### "THIS IS MY BODY"

The book, "This is My Body, A Call to Eucharistic Revival," by Bishop Robert Barron, is available after Mass for a donation. It is an exceptional explanation of why we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist as Catholics.

## FOLLOW YOUR VOCATION TO SERVE:

Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves.

Qualifications for formation to the permanent diaconate include, but are not limited to the following:

- A Roman Catholic for a minimum of five years at time of application.
- Registered parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond for five years at the time of application, and active in the parish community.
- Between the ages of 30 and 59 at the time of application.
- Committed to and living out values of justice, charity, and service.
- Demonstrates grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches, openness to formation, and has demonstrated leadership.

Following these sessions, a new cohort of permanent deacons will be formed in 2024. Our permanent deacons are assigned to a parish where they exercise liturgical and catechetical ministries within their parish communities. Deacons hold roles both in their church and in a variety of secular professions, showing how unique this vocation is. Please prayerfully discern whether you may be called to join a thriving and essential vocation to serve the Church in a new way. For those interested, visit the Permanent Diaconate page on [richmonddiocese.org](http://richmonddiocese.org) or email [gmancuso@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:gmancuso@richmonddiocese.org). If you feel the call, talk to your pastor!



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## "CREATION CARE CORNER:"

Increased efforts to make ready for the acute threat of climate change are happening. Among these preparations is the building of climate resilient communities. Climate change is a major threat to billions of people around the globe. Roughly, 40% of the world's population is vulnerable to the effects of global warming due to their location. Climate resilient communities cannot stop global warming entirely, but the resilient design can help people lead healthier, happier lives. Resilient communities are designed to weather the proverbial storm and help folks pick up their lives after an extremely disastrous climate event.

The Elizabeth River Project on Colley Avenue in Norfolk is in the process of constructing a living lab for environmentally sustainable construction practices with changing research displays and a waterside learning park to help people and businesses explore how to live and work in a coastal flood plain as seas rise.

Resilient communities are economically robust and are built to adapt to rapidly changing markets when catastrophes occur. This means that people who live in areas affected by climate change can pivot towards a more sustainable, low-impact way of life without having to compromise their individual goals and dreams.

Climate resilient communities are built with durable and sustainable building designs. These designs place a premium on hardiness and incorporate design elements like:

- Deep, well-built foundations to weather high winds and earthquakes;
- Pliable materials that are designed to withstand extreme weather events;
- Alternative forms of power (solar, etc.) to reduce reliance on national grids;
- Improved thermal efficiency to keep buildings cool in summer and warm in the winter.

Resilient design is inherently sustainable, too. Resilient buildings are structures that will last multiple generations. They also use less energy.

Along with resilient houses, the infrastructure that supports vulnerable populations must be improved to meet the demands of tomorrow.

Sustainable construction materials like bendable concrete must be used. Bendable concrete is designed to be shock resistant and is infused with carbon dioxide, which strengthens the concrete and reduces carbon emissions.

We all need to adapt our lifestyles as temperatures rise. Governments can improve the resiliency of local communities by funding public education and improving infrastructure. Progress in dealing with and mitigating the effects of climate change is happening.

Adapted from article by Charlie Fletcher, written on July 24, 2023, in *Earth.org*.

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry



## 2023 BAPTISM DATES

## The Following Weekends:

November 11/12, 2023

January 13/14, 2024

April 27/28, 2024

Parents will need to attend an online **Baptism Class** prior to Baptism. To find out about online classes, see information below.

To request Baptism for your child, please go to the parish website. Under the "Our Faith" tab, click "The Sacraments" and then click "Baptism." There you will find lots of information about Baptism requirements and godparents. To schedule a Baptism, complete the online form on the parish website. Here is the direct link to the form: <https://www.holyfamilyvb.org/baptism-request-form>.

You can also contact Marie Wolanin  
at 757-937-6712  
or [k5cf@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:k5cf@holyfamilyvb.org).

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:**

"Where two or three are gathered in My name..." The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Brian Capuano at the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661, or email [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## Music Notes

*It's that time of year when Music Ministry comes back for learning and practicing music for Masses and for our Festival of Carols.*

*Join in the joy of making music at Holy Family!*

**Teen Singers:** Grades 6-12, if you sing in a school choir or can't get choir into your school schedule, there's room for you to sing in Teen Singers. Heads up! We're accepting new singers, so sign up! Teen Singers start TODAY, Sunday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m., for their first weekly rehearsal of the 2023-2024 season!

**Children's Choir: NEW!** Our cantor Anne Glenn-Zeljeznjak will be leading 3rd-5th grade singers in a lively rehearsal weekly on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m., starting September 26. TODAY, on September 10, right after the Ministry Fair, parents and children come to a Meet & Greet for Children's Choir at 12:30 p.m. in the Choir Room with Ms. Anne. Ms. Sylvia will accompany this choir and they will sing with Teen Singers at Mass.

**Parish Choir** has returned to weekly Wednesday rehearsals from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room 134. They met with a *New Member Social* on September 6, and sang for the Friday evening Mass on September 8, with our former seminarian, now Fr. William Buckley.

**Holy Family RINGERS** (Bells) have returned to weekly Thursday rehearsals from 5:30-7:00 p.m. New ringers from 6th grade up and adults may ring!

**Instrumentalists:** Looking for orchestra players playing about music grade 3 level or above!

**Contact Sylvia for details to join in the happy music making at Holy Family! 4 ways below –**

**Ministry Fair September 9-10 – sign up after Mass!**

or see Sylvia at the piano after any Mass or

Email [music@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:music@holyfamilyvb.org) or

Call 757-481-5702, ext. 124.

*Holy Family*



*Serving through Music*

# Church of the Holy Family Social Justice & Outreach

TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.  
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**Once you visited the Holy Family Ministry Fair and you want to participate in a ministry, email the contact person to get started. Thank You**

*I was in prison and you visited me...*

## **Holy Family Prison Ministry and Re-entry:**

Educate, Advocate and Outreach for the just treatment of those in prison and returning citizens. Contact Lynn Kline lynnhkline@hotmail.com

*Care for Creation*

**Holy Family Environmental Ministry:** Address environmental issues that face our common home. Contact Ed Marroni mmarroni1@hotmail.com

**Holy Family Composting Team:** Learn how to compost your food scrapes at Holy Family. Contact Lon Scofield scofvb@verizon.net

**Pollinator/Native Garden Maintenance Team:** Provide weeding, mulching, and general care of gardens at Holy Family. Contact Brian Alexander brian@holysfamilyvb.org

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me...*

**Immigrant and Refugee Support Team:** Requests of needs are made throughout the year to support immigrants and refugees. Contact Brian Alexander brian@holysfamilyvb.org

*We are Family...*

**Sultan and the Saint (Muslim and Christian Dialogue):** Help build relationships and fellowship between Muslim & Christians. Contact Joe Stefionowich jstefiono@gmail.com

**Racial Justice and Unity:** Address the issue of racism by listening, engaging, and creating an inclusive welcoming space. Contact Joe Panchik slipperyrock@cox.net

**The Chosen:** Creates a safe, educational, spiritual, and fun environment for teenagers and adults with special needs. Contact Susie Stefionowich parishadvocate@gmail.com

**Haiti Ministry:** Support our twining parish in Baptiste Haiti Contact Kathy Dowdy kathleendowdy3@gmail.com

*I was hungry and you gave me food...*

**Holy Family Pantry:** Pantry food is distributed on the last Saturday of the month.

Contact Mike DeJaeger hfoutreach@holysfamilyvb.org

**Holy Family Gardeners:** Grow and harvest seasonal vegetables at Holy Family garden or provide vegetables from your home garden.

Contact Brian Maddox brianpat55@yahoo.com

**Winter Shelter:** Breakfast, dinner, shelter, and fellowship is provided our guests in need. This year's Winter Shelter dates are November 22- 29, 2023 Contact Jim McCaddin

**JCOC Community Meal Ministry:** A hot meal is made and served once a month at the Judeo Christian Outreach Center.

Contact Mike Conaway michaelconaway55gmail.com

**Holiday Food Baskets:** Food baskets are delivered to 100 families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Contact Mike DeJaeger hfoutreach@holysfamilyvb.org

## **Horizon Hampton Roads Summer Back Pack Program:**

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Contact Abby Causey abby@holysfamilyvb.org

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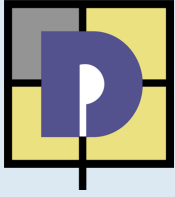
Contact Joe Murray joeandsandi@verizon.net

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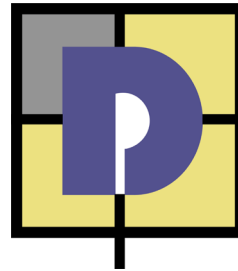


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